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**B**rittaney Dawn (Bell) Burke, angel daughter, wife, mother, sister, and friend returned home to her Father-in-Heaven after a tragic automobile accident on February 6, 2021 in Gilbert, Arizona.

Brittaney was born September 8, 1980 in Tempe, Arizona to Timothy Richard Bell, Sr., and Laurie Jean Wilson-Bell.

Brittaney was a sweet, loving child from the beginning. She was so kind and patient with her rambunctious older brother, and she loved and mothered her two younger brothers. Yet, every time she blew out her birthday candles, she wished for a sister. When she was 14-years old, her wish was finally granted and two years later, her second sister was born. She was deeply devoted to her family, including her parents.

From a young age, Brittaney loved to play softball. She participated in recreational, fast pitch and high school softball; she played pitcher, catcher, first base and centerfield. During one game when she was pitching, the coach took her out after she had pitched too many balls; she was so irritated at being removed from pitching that she hit a home run when she was next at bat. The outfielders were still chasing the ball when she rounded 3rd and headed for home.

It was clear by the time she was 6 years of age that she would have a lovely soprano voice. During her first grade Christmas program, she was the only one that could hit the high notes; her voice rang out clear and beautiful. She attended Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah, where she sang with several choirs, including Acapella and Madrigals. When she tried out for Madrigals, she demonstrated her beautiful voice as well as her deep devotion to her Savior, by singing I Know that My Redeemer Liveth from Handel's Messiah.

Brittaney studied cosmetology in high school and vocal performance in college. The greatest desire of her heart, however, was to be a wife and mother. She married Randall Warren Burke on December 29, 1999 and they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on January 20, 2005. Five



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children were born to them: Adam Michael, Hailey Sophia, Rose Marie, Isaiah Randall, and Shiloh Dawn. A few years later, Brittany and Randy fostered an infant girl who needed them, and they were blessed to subsequently adopt Scarlett Ann.

Brittaney was a devout disciple of Jesus Christ. She was a life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She served in several capacities in Primary: as the chorister, a teacher, and a leader. She also served in most of her wards as a leader in the Young Women organization. She showed much love and concern for all the girls, especially those who were struggling in their lives and testimonies.

Brittaney's love for her Savior and her great desire to emulate his example showed in the love and kindness she gave to all who knew her. She never said an unkind word to or about anyone. Even when friends were unkind, she never could purposely hurt anyone.

She loved her children and husband deeply and was constantly doing kind and loving things for them. In her kitchen there is a sign on the windowsill that reads "If you think my house is full, you should see my heart". She taught her children the gospel and she and Randy studied it with them every night before retiring to bed. Family was always the most important thing in her life.

Brittaney is survived by her husband, her 6 children, her daughter-in-law Skylar, her parents, her brothers Timothy Jr., Ian, and Jonathan (Jennifer) and her sisters Caitlin (Michael Fletcher) and Victoria (Clyde Riboldi), her nephews Myron, Forrest, Shepard and Luca and her nieces Emma, Lily, Lucy, and Samantha. She was preceded in death by her grandparents and an uncle and aunt.

Funeral services for Brittany will be held on February 16, 2021 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Mount Jordan 7th Ward Chapel, 235 East 9800 South in Sandy, Utah. There will be a viewing from 9:00 am to 10:45 am with the service to follow at 11:00 am. Interment will follow immediately at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East 10600 South in Sandy, Utah. Due to Utah State mandated COVID-19 group gathering restrictions, attendance will be limited to 150, and the wearing of masks will be mandatory. To accommodate friends, neighbors and all others who wish to participate, there will be a live video stream of the services available at:

<https://youtu.be/6XC2q8OH3jY>

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Brittany's name at [madd.org/donate-now/](http://madd.org/donate-now/). Please indicate it is a Memorial gift in her name.



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SH

**Shiloh** posted:

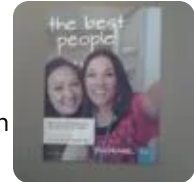
I remember when I spilled paint and it hit the ceiling. My mom, Brittaney, didn't get mad at me. Instead, she said, "Let's clean it up together." Then she turned on my favorite song and we started to dance while cleaning. We still have the paint on the ceiling to this day.

February 20 at 8:35 AM

CW

**Candace Webster** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Brittaney and I knew each other from work and met over 10 years ago, in that time we grew very close and we worked together at Dell EMC where we had our pictures taken and placed on a poster hung up at work. The poster stood for "You define Success" and was seen by all that worked there. It was a great accomplishment!



February 24 at 4:42 AM

JL

**Jennifer Levorsen** posted:

I have so many fun memories of Brittaney. she was one of my dearest friends in high school. We met playing softball together and had English class. She was a very good softball player and I loved hanging out with her. I remember driving in the car and jamming out to Michael Jackson music. She would always tell me about her work friends at the Arby's. I remember this one boy filling her locker full of flowers that she worked with there. She always liked the older boys. She was so beautiful I think all the boys our age were jealous that she didn't like them. I guess thats one reason she fell in love with Randy. When I had my first baby she was so thoughtful and made me a nursing cover. I was so grateful to her for that. I couldn't believe she would spend the time to do that for me. She always seemed to have a smile on her face. The fist time hiking the back side of Timp. Was with her. We both slid down the glacier and got pretty wet. I'm glad I was able to see her a little at the class reunion this past year and catch up. I wish I could have seen her more. We had a lot of fun adventures. I love you Britt, I will miss you ❤️ At the end of the funeral I could feel her there. I know she will always be close to her family and watching from heaven.

February 16 at 4:58 PM



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JC

**Joni Christensen** posted:

I was lucky enough to see Brittaney often in my home during her high school years. Brittaney was best friends with my sister Jolinda and my sister-in-law Mindy. The three of them were together all the time. I remember Brittaney being so sweet, kind and considerate. I never saw her do anything mean or unkind. She was always so nice to me as a younger sibling to her friend and I was so grateful for that. I remember even thinking her voice was sweet. Her singing voice was beautiful as well. We are so devastated over your loss and the grief you're going through right now. Randy, we love you and know that she'll be with you and your family in the coming days and years. I know you say you were so lucky to have been married to her. She was lucky to have been married to you too. You two both mean so much to my family. We love you and will keep you in our prayers. Brittaney will never be forgotten. All my love, Joni Christensen

February 16 at 10:09 AM

AT

**Ann M Topham** posted:

Brittaney and Randy lived near us when they first moved to Pleasant Grove. I was so impressed by her sweet spirit and her motherhood skills. I had the opportunity of teaching the 4 older children in Primary and then Hailey and Rose in Activity Days. I loved them so much and was so sad when they moved to Arizona. It was fun to see them in October, when they came for a visit. LOVE YOU ALL Burkes. My prayers for peace at this time.

February 16 at 8:13 AM

ML

**Margie Looney** posted:

We love you so much, Burke Family! The whole JHCS staff is sending our love and most sincere condolences. We are praying for each of you and love you so much!

February 16 at 6:58 AM

RB

**Ruth Ann Bauer-Bell** posted:

I remember listening to Brittaney's beautiful voice singing with her mom and sisters at Grandma Lynne's funeral.

February 15 at 4:54 PM



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February 24 at 4:42 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Brittany by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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